

CITY OF WELLS.
URBAN SANITARY AUTHORITY
MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT FOR 1943
TO THE URBAN SANITARY AUTHORITY OF THE
CITY OF WELLS.



Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report on the health of the City during 1943.

The Public Health Officers of the Council are a part-time Medical Officer of Health and a Sanitary Inspector.

The Medical Officer of Health has held the post since April 1st, 1938 and he holds the following degrees: M.B., C.H.B.,

The Sanitary Inspector holds the Certificates of the Royal Sanitary Institute and Sanitary Inspectors Examination Joint Board and is a member of the Royal Sanitary Institute.

The area of the City is 1301.150 acres.

The Registrar General's estimate of the mid-year resident population of Wells in 1943 was 5,857.

The number of inhabited houses in the City at the end of 1943 was 1,617.

The Rateable value at the end of 1943 was £42,853.

The sum represented by a penny rate at the end of 1943 was £166.

BIRTH RATE

The total live births in the City in 1943 was:-
72 as follows:-

Legitimate 65: Male 36: Female 29:
 Illegitimate 7: Male 4: Female 3:

The birth rate per thousand of the population was 12.081.

There were 2 Still births; 1 male and 1 female.

INFANT MORTALITY

There were 2 deaths of infants under one year, both of whom were legitimate.

The infant mortality per thousand live births was 27.2.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS)

Disease	Total cases notified	Cases admitted to Isolation Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Scarlet Fever	6	5	0
Whooping Cough	3	0	0
Diphtheria	1	1	0

Disease	Total cases notified	Cases admitted to Isolation Hospital	Total Deaths.
Measles	44	1	0
Erysipelas	1	0	0
Pneumonia	1	0	0

PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS

On December 31st 1942 there were 30 cases of Tuberculosis on the Register.

Eight cases were notified during the year.

Five cases were written from the Register during the year, as follows:-

Cured	2
Left County	2
Died	1

Total number of cases on register on December 31st 1943 were 33.

There was a mild epidemic of measles during April, May and June and all the cases recovered.

DEATH RATE

There were 59 deaths in the City during 1943; 32 Males and 27 Females.

There were no deaths from Puerperal Sepsis or other Puerperal cases.

There were 10 deaths from Cancer, 6 Males and 4 Females.

There were 16 deaths from Heart Disease: 10 males and 6 females.

Death rate per thousand of the population was 9.9.

BUG INFESTATION

There were no cases of Bug Infestation during the year.

SCABIES

There were very few cases of Scabies in the City during 1943.

GENERAL

The health of the City during 1943 was very satisfactory.

The birth rate was 12.081, the average for last 5 years was 11.396.

The death rate was 9.9, the average for last 5 years was 11.2

WATER SUPPLY

The water supply of the district, which is served by the

Wells City Council, is satisfactory in quality and quantity.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The main arrangements for drainage, sewerage and sewage disposal were given in detail in previous reports, and have not been materially altered.

War conditions have greatly increased our difficulties at the Sewage Farm.

The disposal works are situate to the West of the City on a site well removed from habitation and highways. The system is overworked and a scheme for remodelling the works is ready for action as soon as circumstances permit.

MINISTRY OF HEALTH INQUIRIES

(Particulars of any held, object result)

N I L

NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES ERECTED DURING

THE YEAR

(1) By Local Authority

With State Assistance	(a) Rehousing under Housing Act 1936.	Nil
	(b) Overcrowding	Nil
	(c) Other	Nil
Without state assistance		

(2) By other bodies or persons

(a) With state assistance	Nil
(b) Without state assistance	Nil

HOUSING INSPECTIONS

- (1) 1. (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health of Housing Acts) 53
- (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose. 72
2. (a) Number of dwelling houses (included under Sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 and 1932. NIL
- (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose. Nil
- (c) Number of houses in which no action was found necessary. Nil.
3. (a) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation. Nil
4. Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation. 24

- (11) (a) Number of defective dwelling houses referred
fit in consequence of informal action by the
Local Authority or their Officers. 20
- (b) Number of houses demolished voluntarily or
in consequence of informal action. Nil

HOUSE REFUSE COLLECTION

The house refuse collection in the City is carried out
daily by means of a Scammell Refuse Lorry.

(111) Action under Statutory Powers during this year:

Proceedings under Sections 9, 10, and 16 of the
Housing Act 1936. Nil

Proceedings under Public Health Acts. Nil

Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act. Nil.

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HOUSING ACT 1936 - Overcrowding.

The overcrowding situation in the City is not serious,
but there are isolated cases consequent upon evacuation.

MILK SUPPLY

Number of Producers on the Register. 7

Number of Distributors on the Register, divided as
follows:-

(a) Distributors only.

(b) Distributors who are also producers.

(A producer is only included as a distributor as he
definitely makes a business of selling his milk by retail to
individual customers.)

MEAT SUPERVISION

Slaughterhouses: Licenced 4: Registered 5:

Total 9:

Yours faithfully,

A. C. Thomas

Medical Officer of Health.

Date.....*Aug. 25*.....194*4*.